

such as Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) access technology, if they were doing it lawfully prior to November 1, 2003. The amended definition of "Internet access" in the Internet Tax Freedom Act is effective November 1, 2003 and applies to section 1104(b). Section 1104(b) expires November 1, 2005 in order to eliminate any "tax on Internet access" (as defined in Section 1104(10)) regarding telecommunications services purchased, used or sold by an Internet access provider for the purpose of providing Internet access.

Finally, in making the Internet Tax Freedom Act technology neutral, this law now protects consumers from taxes on all Internet access technologies, including dial-up, DSL, cable modem, satellite and wireless. A consumer may even purchase Internet access from two Internet access providers without the threat of taxes. He may use one service to browse the Internet and the other service primarily for e-mail and content services. Both Internet access services are protected from state and local taxation under this law. This law is a significant accomplishment on behalf of all American consumers and maximizes consumer choice and access.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
RICHARD E. MEADE

HON. JIM NUSSLE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, the circle and legacy of service to the United States continues every year without end here in Congress.

Members of Congress and our professional staff arrive and depart, and because that departure may seem to go without notice, those who depart may wonder whether their service has in fact made a difference, and in some manner secured the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.

I cannot bear witness to all that I have encountered in this circle of service, but, I will try for the departure of one very special friend.

Richard E. Meade has served me, the Congress, and the United States of America professionally, effectively, and unselfishly for over fifteen years.

He has served me as my Chief of Staff for both my Iowa Congressional office and the House Budget Committee.

During his tenure, his professional approach was one identified with integrity of purpose,

quality of work product, and sincerity and honesty to every person he encountered, from the Speaker of the House to a citizen from Iowa.

One of the many beauties of America is that our freedom is more precious and important than any one person, and yet, without that "mere person" who is willing to serve freedom, respect freedom, and defend freedom, freedom could not exist.

Richard E. Meade is such a person who during his life has been willing to serve, respect and defend American freedom, and in doing so, has helped secure the blessings of liberty for all of us, and for his lovely wife Elizabeth and their precious daughter Constance.

Soon, memories of that service, like the memories of the service of so many others, may fade, and good people will step forward and continue in the legacy of quality service to the freedom we have all come to expect and too often take for granted. The circle of service continues.

My humble words of appreciation cannot, and will not, equal the quality and quantity of service you provided me and our country, but Rich, I offer them with my ultimate respect and sincere gratitude for your many years of dedication to me and our liberty. Mr. Speaker, I simply say, Rich Meade, thank you for my freedom!